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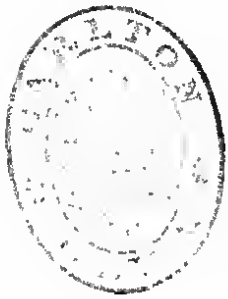

PAUPER LUNATICS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 7 August 1844;—*for*,

COPIES of a CORRESPONDENCE between Her Majesty's Government in *Ireland* and the Grand Juries assembled at Summer Assizes 1844, on the subject of providing Additional Accommodation for PAUPER LUNATICS.

Dublin Castle, August 1844.

E. LUCAS.

(*Lord Eliot.*)

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DUBLIN.

DUBLIN.

(Circular.)

Sir, Dublin Castle, 2 July 1844.

REFERRING to the documents herewith transmitted, I am directed by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to state to you, for the information of the grand jury of which you are foreman, that his Excellency, believing that it may be desirable to cause the erection of an asylum for pauper lunatics in or near one of the following towns, Millstreet, Macroom, Kanturk, or Newmarket, requests the opinion of the grand jury whether the same should be devoted to the reception of the incurable patients of the whole province from the asylums of Cork, Clonmel, Limerick, and Waterford, or to the reception of the general pauper lunatics of the county of Kerry and of the West Riding of Cork.

See enclosed List.

The grand jury will perceive that, in the former case, the asylum districts of the province will remain the same as at present; that is to say, as they are described in pages iii. and iv. of the Report of the Committee of the House of Lords, which is herewith transmitted; while in the latter case the county of Kerry will be separated from the asylum district of Limerick, and the West Riding of Cork from the asylum district of Cork.

His Excellency further requests the opinion of the grand jury, which of the towns named would, taking all circumstances into consideration, be the fittest for the purposes in question; together with the reasons on which their opinion may be founded.

As regards the criminal lunatics of the province, I am directed to add, that it is intended to provide for them, as for those of the rest of Ireland, by the erection of a central prison for their reception in or near the Metropolis, should the Legislature think fit to confer upon the Lord Lieutenant the necessary powers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

To the Foreman of the Grand Jury of Clare.

ASYLUM.	Population of present District.	Population of proposed District.
Clonmel	435,553	435,553
Waterford	196,187	196,187
Limerick	910,303	616,423
Cork	854,118	541,134
Kerry and West Riding of Cork	- - -	606,864
TOTAL	2,396,161	2,396,161

Note.—The foregoing Table will be found to refer to the supposed case of a district asylum being erected for the county of Kerry and the West Riding of Cork, and not to that of an asylum being erected for the incurable lunatics of the whole province.

DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED.

1.—Copy of the Report of the Lords' Committee on the Lunatic Poor of Ireland.
2.—Copy of Correspondence of Lord Eliot with the Governors of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.
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DUBLIN.

Similar Letter and Enclosures forwarded to the Foreman of the undermentioned Grand Juries in *Munster*.

Cork County	31 July.
Cork City	31 July.
Kerry County	20 July.
Limerick County	11 July.
Limerick City	11 July.
Tipperary, North Riding	11 July.
Tipperary, South Riding	20 July.
Waterford County	3 July.
Waterford City	3 July.

(Circular.)

Sir, Duhlin Castle, 3 July 1844.

See enclosed List.

Referring to the documents herewith transmitted, I am directed by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to state to you, for the information of the grand jury of which you are foreman, that his Excellency, helieving that it may be desirable to cause the erection of an asylum for pauper lunatics at or near the town of Omagh, a locality reasonably central either for the reception of incurable patients from the asylums of Armagh, Belfast, and Londonderry, or for the reception of general pauper lunatics from the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, requests the opinion of the grand jury whether the same should be devoted to the former or to the latter purpose.

The grand jury will perceive that, in the former case, the asylum districts of the proviuce will remain the same as at present; while in the latter case the county of Tyrone will be separated from the asylum district of Londonderry, and the county of Fermanagh from the asylum district of Armagh.

I am instructed further to request, that in communicating their opinion, the grand jury will also communicate the grounds upon which it may he founded.

As regards the criminal lunatics of the province, I am directed to add, that it is iutended to provide for them, as for those of the rest of Ireland, hy the erection of a central prison for their reception in or near the Metropolis, should the Legislature think fit to confer upon the Lord Lieutenant the necessary powers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

To the Foreman of the Grand Jury
of the County of Cavan.

Asylum.	Population of present District.	Population of proposed District.
Armagh	332,474	675,993
Belfast	722,321	722,321
Londonderry	331,578	518,622
Omagh	- - -	469,437
Total	2,386,373	2,386,373

The foregoing Table will be found to refer to the supposed case of a district asylum being erected at Omagh for the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, and not to that of an asylum being erected there for the incurable lunatics of the whole province.

Documents Transmitted.

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DUBLIN.

Similar Letter and Enclosures, forwarded to the Foreman of the under-mentioned Grand Juries in *Ulster*.

Antrim county	22 July.
Armagh county	16 July (signed Richard Pennefather).
Carrickfergus county town	22 July.
Donegal county	15 July.
Down county	19 July (signed Richard Pennefather).
Fermanagh county	10 July.
Londonderry city and county	17 July (signed Richard Pennefather).
Monaghan county	11 July.
Tyrone county	11 July.

(Circular.)

Sir,

Dublin Castle, 3 July 1844.

REFERRING to the documents herewith transmitted, I am directed by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to state to you, for the information of the grand jury of which you are foreman, that his Excellency, believing that it may be desirable to cause the erection of a district lunatic asylum, for the counties of Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim, under the provisions of the Acts 1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 33, and 7 Geo. 4, c. 14, and that the most convenient position for the same will be in or near one of the following towns, Sligo, Ballymote, or Tobbercurry, requests that the grand jury will communicate, for the information of his Excellency, their opinion, which of these towns will, taking all circumstances into consideration, be fittest for the purpose in question, together with the grounds upon which such opinion may be founded.

See enclosed List.

As regards the criminal lunatics of the district, I am directed to add, that it is intended to provide for them, as for those of the rest of Ireland, by the erection of a central prison for their reception, in or near the metropolis, should the Legislature think fit to confer upon the Lord Lieutenant the necessary powers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

To the Foreman of the Grand Jury
of the County of Leitrim.

ASYLUM.	Population of present District.	Population of proposed District.
Ballinasloe	1,418,973	693,787
Sligo	- - -	725,186
TOTAL	1,418,973	1,418,973

DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED.

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Similar Letter and Enclosures forwarded to the Foreman of the under-mentioned Grand Juries in *Connaught*.

Mayo County	15 July.
Sligo County	13 July.

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WATERFORD.

WATERFORD CITY.

Resolved,

THAT our foreman do acknowledge the communication from the Government in regard to the projected provincial lunatic asylums for incurables, and to say that this grand jury fully acquiesce in the expediency of the measure, leaving the selection of the site to the approval of the Government.

(signed) *Benjn. Morris Wall*, Foreman
City Waterford Grand Jury, Summer 1844.

City of Waterford Grand Jury Room,
8 July 1844.

CLARE.

CLARE COUNTY.

Ennis, 12 July 1844.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the resolution of the grand jury relative to lunatic asylums, &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Francis Morice*,
Grand Jury Secretary, County Clare.

To the Under Secretary, &c.
Castle, Dublin.

We, the grand jury of the county of Clare, assembled at Summer Assizes 1844, having before us a communication under date 2d instant, from Mr. Lucas, stating, by directions of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that it may be desirable to cause the erection of an asylum for pauper lunatics in or near one of the following towns, viz. Millstreet, Macroom, Kanturk, and Newmarket, and desiring to be informed whether in our opinion same should be devoted to the reception of the incurable patients of the whole province, or to the reception of the general pauper lunatics of the county of Kerry, and of the West Riding of the county of Cork, have come unanimously to the following resolution:

Proposed by John Singleton, esq. seconded by David John Wilson, esq.:

That the latter plan, namely, the separation of the county of Kerry from the asylum district of Limerick, is to be preferred, both as a matter of local convenience in the transmission of patients, and as more conducive to the classification and discipline so essential to the well-being of an institution of the kind.

That therefore we can have no choice in the selection of any of the towns above submitted to our consideration for the erection of the proposed buildings.

(signed) *Cornelius O'Brien*, Foreman,
for Self and Fellows.

Grand Jury Room, Ennis,
10 July 1844.

CAVAN.

CAVAN COUNTY.

Secretary of Grand Jury's Office, Cavan,
16 July 1844.

Sir,

I HAVE had the honour to receive your letter of the 3d instant, accompanied by certain reports and other documents relative to lunatic asylums in Ireland, which, in compliance with your desire, I laid before the grand jury of this county, assembled at the recent assizes.

The subject-matter of your letter was discussed at some length by the grand jury, but they did not, previous to their separation, arrive at any final decision thereon. I am, however, authorized to state, that the general opinion appeared to be in favour of the Hospital for Incurable Patients from the district asylums of

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of Derry, Belfast, and Armagh, in preference to the creation of a new district; provided that the expenses consequent thereon would not entail any permanent additional charge on this county.

I have, &c.

Edward Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.
Castle, Dublin.

(signed) *Edward Mayne*,
Secretary of Grand Jury.

MONAGHAN COUNTY.

TO his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

The Memorial of the Grand Jury of the County of Monaghan, at Summer Assizes assembled,

Showeth,

That it has been represented to them by the Board of Superintendence of the county gaol, that there are at present confined in said gaol 15 criminal lunatics; that it is impossible to carry on the discipline of the prison in a satisfactory manner whilst persons of this description are obliged to be confined therein; that frequent applications have been made to have these persons admitted into the District Lunatic Asylum at Armagh, but without success; that there does not exist within the prison the means of properly treating persons labouring under mental affliction, consequently such persons are more likely to be injured than to receive benefit by their imprisonment; under those circumstances the grand jury trust that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to take these matters into consideration, in order that some remedy may be devised for the evils here complained of.

Grand Jury Room, Monaghan,
16 July 1844.

(signed) *Geo. Forster*,
For Self and Fellows.

TIPPERARY (SOUTH RIDING).

Clonmel Grand Jury Room,
Summer Assizes, 1844.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 11th July (G. 8866), I beg to say that I have read your letter to the grand jury, who are of opinion that one asylum for pauper lunatics would be sufficient for the districts of Limerick, Waterford, Clonmel, Cork, and Kerry, but that Fermoy would be much more central to the densely inhabited part of the province than Millstreet, Macroom, Kanturk, or Newmarket, the towns mentioned in your letter; also, that a central prison for the reception of criminal lunatics would be a great advantage.

I have, &c.

E. Lucas, Esq.
&c. &c.

(signed) *Ambrose Going*,
Foreman.

SLIGO COUNTY.

Sir,

Grand Jury Room, Sligo, 17 July 1844.

I am directed by the grand jury of the county of Sligo, assembled at Summer Assizes 1844, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, stating, "That his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, believing that it may be desirable to cause the erection of a district lunatic asylum for the counties of Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim, under the provisions of the Acts 1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 33, and 7 Geo. 4, c. 14, and that the most convenient position for the same will be in

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SLIGO.

in or near one of the following towns, viz. Sligo, Ballymote, or Tubbercurry, and requesting the grand jury will communicate, for the information of his Excellency, which of these towns will, taking all circumstances into consideration, be fittest for the purpose in question, together with the grounds upon which such opinion may be founded."

At the desire of the grand jury, I have the honour to state in reply, that they consider the vicinity of the town of Sligo the place best adapted for the erection of the intended asylum; having the advantages of large abundant markets indispensable for its supply, sea bathing, salt and fresh water baths, a large medical staff, of high character in their profession, the county infirmary, the county fever hospital, and two dispensaries, all established in the town of Sligo.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Robert Christian*,
Secretary Grand Jury.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c.
Dublin Castle.

TYRONE.

TYRONE COUNTY.

Sir, Grand Jury Room, Omagh, 17 July 1844.

In answer to your communication of the 11th instant, respecting the building of a lunatic asylum in or near Omagh, the grand jury are of opinion that it would be preferable to build an asylum for the purpose of receiving general pauper lunatics from the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, than to erect an asylum for the reception of incurable lunatics. At the same time they beg to call the attention of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to the sum of 9,551 *l.* 7 *s.* 8 *d.* levied off this county towards the building of the Derry Asylum, from which this county will cease to derive any further advantage, should the present measure be carried into effect. Under these circumstances, before a final decision is made, the grand jury confidently rely upon measures being adopted to relieve the county from the expenses of the intended building.

For Self and Fellows,
(signed) *J. C. Montray*, Foreman.

E. Lucas, Esq. Dublin Castle.

LEITRIM.

LEITRIM COUNTY.

Sir, Carrick-on-Shannon, 18 July 1844.

I beg leave to enclose a copy of a resolution entered into by the grand jury of this county, at the last assizes, with regard to the erection of a district lunatic asylum.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Charles R. Peyton*,
Secretary Grand Jury.

E. Lucas, Esq.

Resolved,—That having taken his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's communication into consideration with regard to where a district lunatic asylum should be erected, we recommend Ballymote as the most suitable place; but that in case a new asylum is built, we consider that the county is entitled to compensation for the amount already contributed by it to the expense of building the asylum at Ballinasloe.

(signed) *John Robert Godley*,
Foreman.

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DONEGAL COUNTY.

DONEGAL.

Sir,

Grand Jury Room, Lifford,
19 July 1844.

I have had the honour of receiving your letter from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on the subject of a lunatic asylum at Omagh, whereupon the Donegal grand jury constituted a committee to examine and report as to adoption of any measure, and I now enclose the report of that committee, confirmed by the grand jury at the summer assizes 1844.

E. Lucas, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Ed. Conolly.*

The committee appointed by the grand jury to take into consideration and report upon the letter addressed to them from his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, as to the expediency of having a provincial establishment for incurable lunatics at Omagh, or for reducing the extent of the district asylums, by taking that of Derry for the counties of Derry and Donegal, and leaving Tyrone to build an asylum for that county and Fermanagh, for general lunatic purposes:

The committee consider that it would be more advantageous both on the grounds of economy and management, that a provincial asylum for incurables only should be erected at Omagh or elsewhere.

(signed) *James Stewart*, Bart.
Chairman.

Read and confirmed by the Grand Jury,
Lifford, Summer Assizes 1844.

Ed. Conolly, Foreman,

LIMERICK COUNTY.

LIMERICK.

Sir,

20 July 1844.

I am directed by the grand jury of the county of Limerick to inform you, that it is their unanimous opinion that a provincial asylum for incurable lunatics should be established in the centre of this province.

The four towns named in the letter addressed to them on the subject are not, however, in their opinions, either sufficiently central nor sufficiently easy of access to be well suited for the site of such an institution.

They therefore respectfully submit to Her Majesty's Government the necessity of selecting another site, and are of opinion that the advantages presented by the neighbourhoods of Charleville and Limerick exceed those of any other locality.

I have, &c.
(signed) *John Croker*, Foreman,
County of Limerick Grand Jury.

E. Lucas, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

FERMANAGH COUNTY.

FERMANAGH.

Sir,

Neeam Castle, 22 July 1844.

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the foreman of the grand jury of the county of Fermanagh, I beg to inform you the jury are of opinion that it would not be desirable to build a lunatic asylum near Omagh for any purpose connected with their county, feeling that they should not be called upon to support any establishment where they cannot have a direct control over the expenditure; that they laid out a large sum in the erection of the asylum at Armagh, and contribute very largely to its annual support, without receiving a corresponding advantage; but on the contrary have never been able to obtain a fair proportion of admissions, and have had every obstruction thrown

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FERMANAGH.

in their way when seeking for mere justice, by which other counties have the benefit at their cost.

I have further to state that the grand jury are of opinion, that when the new additions now in course of erection at the gaol of Enniskillen are completed, which will be about the 1st of July next, and the central prison built near Dublin for criminal lunatics, as stated in your letter, that ample accommodation will be afforded, independent of Armagh or any other asylum; but, supposing this not to be the case, that having three poor-houses in this county, accommodation could be given, where six lunatics could be kept at a less expense than we are now obliged to pay for each individual at Armagh.

I have, &c.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c. (signed) *Wm. D'Arcy.*

LONDONDERRY.

LONDONDERRY.

Sir, Londonderry Grand Jury, 23 July 1844.

The grand jury of the city and county of Londonderry, in reply to your letter of the 17th instant, beg to state that they are unanimously of opinion that a provincial establishment for incurable patients, to be built at Omagh (or elsewhere in the province), would be more advisable than altering the present arrangement, by dividing the districts as now formed.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Henry Richardson*, Foreman.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

DOWN.

DOWN COUNTY.

Sir, Downpatrick, 23 July 1844.

The grand jury of the county of Down having taken into consideration your letter of the 19th instant, beg to state for the information of their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that in their opinion the lunatic asylum proposed to be erected at Omagh should be appropriated to the reception of incurable lunatics of the whole province, inasmuch as they are aware that the asylum at Belfast (to which their county is attached) is always overcrowded with patients of that description.

The grand jury concur in the opinion of the necessity of a general asylum for the reception of criminal lunatics of the whole kingdom.

The grand jury take this opportunity of expressing the hope, that the funds necessary for the erection and maintenance of the asylum proposed to be erected, (and indeed of all asylums), may be raised or provided in some more equitable manner than at present, as the burdens on the occupiers of land are already very pressing, and much complained of.

I have, &c.

Richard Pennefather, Esq. &c. &c. &c. (signed) *Hillsborough*, Foreman.

ANTRIM.

ANTRIM COUNTY.

Sir, Carrickfergus, 27 July 1844.

The grand jury of the county of Antrim having taken into consideration your letter of the 22d instant, I am directed to state for the information of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that in their opinion the lunatic asylum proposed to be erected at Omagh should only be appropriated to the reception of incurable lunatics of the whole province, the asylum at Belfast being generally overcrowded with patients of that description.

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ANTRIM.

The grand jury concur in the opinion of the necessity of a general asylum for the reception of criminal lunatics of the whole kingdom, the expense to be provided by the State; and they would further suggest the necessity in any further legislation upon the subject of lunatic asylums, some more equitable mode of providing the necessary funds for their support should be adopted than by grand jury rates, which have been found, in most counties, to be a most severe and unequal burthen upon the cess-payers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Nathl. Alexander*, Foreman.

E. Lucas, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

MAYO COUNTY.

MAYO.

Sir,

Belleek Manor, 30 July 1844.

As foreman of the Mayo grand jury, I have the honor to transmit the answer of that body as to the site for building a lunatic asylum for the counties of Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim.

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. Knox Gore.*

E. Lucas, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

By the Grand Jury of the county of Mayo, assembled at Summer Assizes, 1844.

Resolved, That having taken into consideration the letter from Government referring to the building of a new lunatic asylum for the counties of Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim, at or near Tubbercurry, Ballymote, or Sligo, we are of opinion that the course most advantageous for these counties would be to have the present asylum at Ballinasloe considerably enlarged to any needful extent, for the following reasons:

1. That no expense would be incurred by purchase of a new site.

2. That no expense would be incurred by a separate staff of officers necessary for a new establishment.

3. That the position of Ballinasloe is admirably adapted for such an institution, as it is so easy of access from every point.

That should his Excellency nevertheless determine on its being indispensably necessary to have a separate asylum built for the three counties mentioned, we consider Ballina would be altogether the most desirable position, being more equidistant than the other places mentioned, from the eastern extremity of Leitrim and western extremity of Mayo, and situated on a fine navigable river, dividing the counties of Mayo and Sligo; Ballina has besides, admirable mail-coach roads from Ballaghadereen, Westport, Ballinrobe, and Belmullet (Mayo), from Sligo, and from Carrick-on-Shannon. It has besides, good and cheap markets, is a seaport of extensive trade, in a peculiarly healthy and dry situation, in the centre of a resident gentry, ready to attend to the well working of such an institution, which is evinced by the superior manner in which the poor law and workhouse are going on in the Ballina Union; and we are fortified in this opinion by the Report of Major Palmer, made some years since, as to the eligibility of Ballina for the site of a lunatic asylum.

Agreed to unanimously.

(signed) *A. Knox Gore*, Foreman.

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ARMAGH.

ARMAGH COUNTY.

County of Armagh, Grand Jury Secretary's Office,
1 August 1844.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, and in reply thereto transmit to you enclosed a copy of the resolution respecting the erection of additional accommodation for lunatics in the province of Ulster.

I have, &c.

The Under Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *Thomas K. Evans*, Secretary.

ASYLUMS.

IN reference to the letter of Mr. Pennefather, dated 16th July instant, requesting the opinion of the grand jury as to whether, in case it should become desirable to erect an asylum for pauper lunatics at or near the town of Omagh, the same should be devoted to the reception of incurable patients from the asylums of Armagh, Belfast, and Londonderry, or for the reception of general pauper lunatics from the counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh;

Resolved, That we are of opinion it would be most advisable to devote the proposed asylum to the reception of incurable patients from the present district asylums of Armagh, Belfast, and Londonderry, for the following reasons, to wit:—

1. It appears that the number of patients in the Asylum of Armagh from the county of Fermanagh, at the date of the last Return, was 21, and that the number of applicants waiting admission at the same time for the district was upwards of 30, to be received as vacancies should occur; consequently, to adopt the latter alternative would not sufficiently relieve the wants of the district.

2. That it is the opinion of this grand jury that relieving the present asylums of incurable patients would tend to a better system of classification and treatment, both as regards the present district asylums and the proposed asylum for the reception of incurable lunatics.

3. That this grand jury believe that an asylum on an extensive scale for the reception of all the incurable lunatics of the province would be more economical than adding to the number of district asylums for the reception of general pauper lunatics, as such an arrangement would afford to the several districts the extent of relief required, allow of the admission of all recent cases, and thereby render the present district asylums efficient hospitals for the treatment of mental diseases.

The grand jury, however, desire that they may not be understood as giving any opinion in reference to the eligibility of the locality mentioned, but respectfully suggest that nothing be decided upon in this respect without the fullest inquiry, and having regard to the facilities afforded by railway communication.

(signed) *J. M. Stronge*, Foreman Grand Jury,
Summer Assizes, County Armagh.

20 July 1844.

TIPPERARY (NORTH RIDING).

TIPPERARY (NORTH RIDING).

Nenagh, 2 August 1844.

Sir,

IN reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I beg leave to state that the grand jury of the North Riding of the county Tipperary read the circular addressed to their foreman; they appeared to think that an additional accommodation for lunatics

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lunatics in the province of Munster would be an advantage, but it was questioned whether it would be a benefit to the North Riding.

TIPPERARY (NORTH RIDING).

I am, &c.
(signed) *Edwin Sadlier*, Secretary
Grand Jury, County Tipperary.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

KERRY COUNTY.

KERRY.

Sir, Tralee, 2 August 1844.

In answer to your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to your letter of the 20th same month, to the foreman of the grand jury, requesting their opinion with respect to the erection of additional accommodation for lunatics in the province of Munster, I have to reply that the grand jury have formed no opinion on the subject.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Henry M'Can*,
Secretary Grand Jury, County Kerry.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

WATERFORD COUNTY.

WATERFORD.

Sir, Waterford, 3 August 1844.

I have received your letter of the 31st July, requesting to know the opinion of the grand jury on the subject of providing additional accommodation for lunatics in the province of Munster.

And in reply beg to state that the documents, and your circular of the 3d July, were laid before the grand jury, and were referred by the jury to the Standing Committee for Superintendence of Charitable Institutions, appointed under 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 85.

I shall call the attention of this committee to it, with as little delay as possible.

I am, &c.
(signed) *M. Mortimer*,
Secretary Grand Jury, County Waterford.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

CORK COUNTY.

CORK.

My dear Sir, Cork, 5 August 1844.

As foreman of the grand jury of the county of Cork, I have the honour to forward to you the resolutions which were unanimously agreed upon by that body, with reference to the erection of additional accommodation for lunatics in the province of Munster, to which their attention was called by you, in a letter dated 25th ultimo.

Mr. F. B. Beamish, foreman of the city of Cork grand jury, who is proceeding to Dublin, will have the honour of laying before you more fully the grounds upon which both grand juries have come to the same decision.

I beg again to express my earnest hope that Her Majesty's Government will not recommend to Parliament any measure which would impose so heavy and unnecessary an expense on the county and city of Cork.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Bernard*.

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

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CORK.

REPORT of the Committee appointed by the Grand Jury to take into Consideration Mr. *Lucas*'s Letter relative to the erecting of a New Lunatic Asylum in the County of *Cork*.

YOUR committee being of opinion that the erection of a lunatic asylum is a matter of the utmost importance and requiring most mature deliberation, have conferred with a committee from the City Grand Jury and with the Board of Superintendence, which has hitherto exercised control over the lunatic asylum.

Your committee is of opinion that the erection of a new lunatic asylum is unnecessary, and that the great expenditure required for it would be unjustifiable, as the present lunatic asylum may be rendered perfectly sufficient, according to plans and an estimate in the hands of the foreman of the City Grand Jury, for the reception of all lunatics of the county and city of Cork, by the expenditure of a sum of money exceedingly small as compared with the cost of a new lunatic asylum, of which the cost, considering the great number of lunatics in the existing asylum, would be enormous. The present asylum stands on about five acres of land, for which a very moderate rent is paid, to which an addition may be made to any extent required.

Experience has proved that the existing asylum is healthy; the management of lunatics has been successful and economical; nothing is required to increase its efficiency to any extent that may be considered necessary, but an increase of funds, which your committee think the Government should provide or enable the grand jury to present.

The committee is of opinion that the erection of an asylum for the reception of incurable lunatics is not necessary, as no objection has been found to exist to the classification of lunatics, without reference to the prospect of recovery, sufficient to justify the necessary cost of such an asylum.

(signed) *R. Longfield*, *George Goold*, *F. Burke*, *Wm. S. L. Clarke*, *W. R. Woods*, *Daniel Conner*, } Committee.

Resolved,—That this Report be approved and adopted.

For Self and Fellows,
(signed) *Bernard*, Foreman.

(True copies.)

Dublin Castle, August 1844. } *E. Lucas.*

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PAUPER LUNATICS (IRELAND).

FURTHER RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 7 August 1844;—*for*,

COPIES of CORRESPONDENCE between Her Majesty's Government in *Ireland*, and the Grand Juries assembled at Summer Assizes 1844, on the subject of providing Additional Accommodation for PAUPER LUNATICS.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 5 *September* 1844.

COPIES of CORRESPONDENCE on the subject of providing Additional Accommodation for PAUPER LUNATICS.

Imperial Hotel, Dublin,
12 August 1844.

Sir,

HAVING been deputed by the Grand Juries of the county and city of Cork to represent their views to the Irish Government respecting the erection of District Lunatic Asylums in the province of Munster, I beg leave to state, that their unanimous wish is that Government will permit their institution to remain under the same management which has heretofore so satisfactorily superintended it; and that it may not be made a District Asylum, or the county be obliged to contribute towards the erection or maintenance of one for the province of Munster or any portion thereof. I am instructed to lay the accompanying plan and estimate for enlarging the present Lunatic Asylum of the county and city of Cork before the Lord Lieutenant, trusting that the increased accommodation it will afford for pauper lunatics of that county, will induce his Excellency to comply with their request.

I remain, &c.
(signed) *Francis B. Beamish.*

Edward Lucas, Esq. &c. &c.

Limerick, 13 August 1844.

Sir,

I BEG leave to enclose copy of the Report of a Sub-Committee of the late City Limerick Grand Jury, of which I was foreman; an unexpected absence from home alone prevented my having sooner forwarded this report.

I am, &c.
(signed) *J. N. Russell.*

E. Lucas, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

City of Limerick, Summer Assizes,
15 July 1844.

WE, the undersigned, having been appointed as a sub-committee by the City of Limerick Grand Jury, to take into consideration the letter addressed by Mr. Lucas to our foreman, relative to a Government proposition to establish a Provincial Asylum for Incurable Lunatics, are of opinion that it is essentially necessary, and would be highly desirable, to form an establishment such as that proposed, and thus relieve the District Lunatic Asylum of a vast number of incurable cases which at present prevent the admission of applicants, a great number of which are constantly on the books of the Limerick Asylum.

With regard to the several localities suggested in Mr. Lucas's letter, we are of opinion that none of the places named are suitable; on the contrary, any one

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of them would be most inconvenient to the northern and eastern portions of the province, but taking into consideration the geographical position of Limerick or Charleville, as well as the facility of reaching them, we think that either of these places should be selected.

1. *Henry Watson.*
2. *Poole Gabbett.*
3. *Martin Honan.*
4. *John Boyse.*
5. *James Harvey.*

A true Copy, which I attest,
(signed) *Edward Costello,*
Deputy Clerk Crown.

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

Referring to the correspondence of Lord Eliot with the Governors of the District Lunatic Asylums of the province of Leinster, I am directed to state that the Lord Lieutenant requests you will at your earliest convenience inquire and report for his Excellency's information, whether a sufficient quantity of ground can be had upon reasonable terms near Dublin for the erection of a central prison for the criminal lunatics of all Ireland, and of an asylum for the incurable pauper lunatics of the counties of Carlow, Kildare, Wexford, Kilkenny, county and town, the counties of Meath, Wicklow, and Louth, and the town of Drogheda.

I have to request that you will in so doing take into consideration, not only the general eligibility of the contemplated site, but also the facility of obtaining ground there upon reasonable terms.

I have also to request your opinion whether any objection exists to the placing the two establishments under one head and manager, and one medical attendant, with such subordinate officers and attendants as may be necessary.

I have to add that his Excellency proposes (if no such objection occurs to you) to direct the Board of Works to cause to be drawn up without delay, detailed plans of a building for lunatics capable of containing 400 persons: one quarter or wing (for the occupation of 100 persons) to be the criminal prison, the remaining portion (for 300 persons) to be an asylum for incurables, and will request the Board to place itself in communication with you for their better information relative thereto; and it is his Excellency's wish and intention that all necessary preliminary steps shall be taken and completed in sufficient time to enable the necessary legislative measures for affording increased accommodation for the pauper lunatics of the four provinces of Ireland, to be laid before Parliament at its first meeting for the session of 1845.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

The Inspectors General of Prisons,
&c. &c. &c.

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

I am commanded by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you copies of correspondence with the Grand Juries of Ulster on the subject of pauper lunatics.

Referring to this correspondence, and to that of Lord Eliot with the Governors of the District Lunatic Asylums of the province (a copy of which is enclosed), I am directed to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, visit and report your opinion upon the different sites which may be available near the town of Omagh, for the erection of an asylum for the incurable pauper lunatics of the province, taking into your consideration as well the general eligibility of the locality as the facility of obtaining ground upon reasonable terms.

If you shall find no site in the neighbourhood pointed out, which may in your opinion be at once eligible and obtainable on reasonable terms, you will please to make inquiries as to, and to visit and report upon any other site or sites you may judge preferable.

I have to add that his Excellency proposes to direct the Board of Works to cause to be drawn up without delay, detailed plans for an asylum capable of containing 400 patients, and will request the Board to place itself in communication

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I am, &c.

The Inspectors General of Prisons, &c. &c. &c. (signed) *E. Lucas.*

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you copies of correspondence with the Grand Juries of Munster on the subject of pauper lunatics.

Referring to this, and to that of Lord Eliot with the Governors of the several district asylums of the province, (a copy of which accompanies my letter to you of this date, with the correspondence of the Ulster Grand Juries,) his Excellency directs me to state that you will perceive that much difference of opinion exists among the Grand Juries of the province as well as among the Governors of the Lunatic Asylums of the province on the subject of providing increased accommodation for pauper lunatics; and his Excellency after mature consideration is of opinion, that on the whole the most eligible means of providing such will be, by constituting the present Cork Asylum a district asylum for the county and city of Cork, and by erecting a central establishment for the reception of the incurable lunatics of the whole province.

I have therefore to request that you will at your earliest convenience visit and report your opinion upon the different sites which have been suggested in my letter of the 2d ultimo, to the consideration of the Grand Juries of the province, as well as those which have been suggested by the Grand Juries themselves, taking into consideration not only the general eligibility of the locality for the erection of an asylum for the incurable pauper lunatics of the province, but also the facility of obtaining ground upon reasonable terms.

If you shall find no site in the localities pointed out which may in your opinion be eligible and obtainable on reasonable terms, you will please to make inquiries as to, and visit and report upon any other site or sites which you may judge preferable.

I have to add that his Excellency proposes to direct the Board of Works to cause to be drawn up without delay, detailed plans for an asylum capable of containing 400 patients, and will request the Board to put itself in communication with you for their better information relative thereto; and it is his Excellency's wish and intention that all necessary preliminary steps shall be taken and completed in sufficient time to enable the necessary legislative measures for affording increased accommodation for the pauper lunatics of the four provinces of Ireland to be laid before Parliament at its first meeting for the session of 1845.

I am, &c.

The Inspectors General of Prisons, &c. &c. (signed) *E. Lucas.*

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you copies of the correspondence with the Grand Juries of Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim, on the subject of pauper lunatics.

Referring to this correspondence, and to that of Lord Eliot with the Governors of the District Lunatic Asylum at Ballinasloe, (a copy of which accompanies my letter to you of this date, with the correspondence of the Ulster Grand Juries,) I have to state, that you will perceive, upon perusal of the latter, that these Governors decidedly object to the removal of supposed incurable patients from their asylum to any asylum for incurables, and that consequently, as additional accommodation is clearly required for the pauper lunatics of the province of Connaught, the building of a second district asylum for general pauper lunatics, or the enlargement of that of Ballinasloe, appears indispensable. I have therefore to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, visit and report your opinion upon the different sites which have been suggested in my letter of

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the 3d ultimo, to the consideration of the Grand Juries, as well as those of Ballina and Boyle.

I have to state that as the opinion of each of the three Grand Juries consulted is at variance from that of the other two, the county of Mayo preferring Ballina, that of Leitrim Ballymote, and that of Sligo the town of Sligo, it appears desirable to ascertain, not only what are the relative merits of these several towns for the purpose in question, but also whether a site near the town of Boyle, but in the county of Sligo, may not combine the advantages of centrality, in which Ballina and Sligo are deficient, with that of good markets and roads, in which Ballymote and Tubbercurry are represented to be deficient; and his Excellency requests that you will satisfy your own minds upon that subject by a careful and minute examination on the spot, and report accordingly for his information.

I have further to request, that after having thus formed your opinion as to the most eligible site for the erection of a lunatic asylum for the three counties named, you will further report whether, taking the advantages and disadvantages of that site into consideration, it appears to you more eligible to erect a new asylum there, or sufficiently to enlarge that of Ballinasloe in lieu.

In regard to each contemplated site, I have to request that you will take into consideration, not only its general eligibility, but also the facility of obtaining ground there upon reasonable terms.

I have to add that his Excellency proposes to direct the Board of Works to cause to be drawn up without delay, detailed plans for an asylum capable of containing 400 patients, and will request the Board to put itself in communication with you for their better information relative thereto; and it is his Excellency's wish and intention that all necessary preliminary steps shall be taken and completed in sufficient time to enable the necessary legislative measures for affording increased accommodation for the pauper lunatics of the four provinces of Ireland, to be laid before Parliament at its first meeting for the session of 1845.

I am, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

The Inspectors General of Prisons,
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

In reply to your Lordship's letter of the 5th instant, enclosing a report from the Committee of the Grand Jury respecting the Cork Lunatic Asylum, I am directed to state that the Lord Lieutenant having given his mature consideration thereto, is desirous to meet the views of the Grand Jury as far as may be practicable without a departure from the general system established, and heretofore carried on with success under the Act 1 & 2 Geo. IV. c. 33, and 7 Geo. IV. c. 14, for the building and management of asylums for pauper lunatics in Ireland.

I have further to state that his Excellency will therefore take care, that in any Bill to be submitted to Parliament by Her Majesty's Government upon the subject, a provision be made for constituting the present Lunatic Asylum in Cork a district lunatic asylum for that county and city only, to be regulated under the provisions of the above recited Acts, according to the recommendation of the Inspectors-general of Prisons, contained in their joint Report for 1843, pages 26 and 27, and the evidence of Dr. White before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, page 37.

But his Excellency will feel bound to provide against the over-crowding of that as of the other district asylums of the province, by the establishment of a central asylum for the incurable pauper lunatics of the province, if the Legislature shall think fit to grant the necessary powers.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

The Lord Viscount Bernard, M. P.
Castle Bernard, Bandon.

Sir, Dublin Castle, 31 August 1844.

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, respecting the Cork Lunatic Asylum, I am directed to state that the Lord Lieutenant having given his mature

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mature consideration thereto, is desirous to meet the views of the Grand Jury of the City as far as may be practicable without a departure from the general system established, and heretofore carried on with success under the Act 1 & 2 Geo. IV. c. 33, and 7 Geo. IV. c. 14, for the building and management of asylums for pauper lunatics in Ireland.

I have further to state that his Excellency will therefore take care, that in any Bill to be submitted to Parliament by Her Majesty's Government upon the subject, a provision be made for constituting the present Lunatic Asylum in Cork, a district lunatic asylum for that county and city only, to be regulated under the provisions of the above-recited Acts, according to the recommendation of the Inspectors-general of Prisons, contained in their joint Report for 1843, pages 26 and 27, and in the evidence of Doctor White before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, page 37.

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I have, &c.
(signed) *E. Lucas.*

Francis B. Beamish, Esq., Cork.

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